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SUBJ: PRESS REACTION TO CARTER-CARAZO LETTER

REF: STATE 141383

1. OVER THE WEEK THAT HAS PASSED SINCE PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER WAS DELIVERED TO PRESIDENT CARAZO, GOCR HAS RELEASED SEVERAL PORTIONS OF LETTER TO PRESS IN APPARENT EFFORT TO DEMONSTRATE MOMENTUM AND EFFECTIVENESS OF GOCR IN RESOLUTION OF BILATERAL ISSUES WITH US.

2. PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER RECEIVED INITIAL PRESS ATTENTION JUNE 9, WHEN THREE LEADING LOCAL DAILIES (LA NACION, LA REPUBLICA AND PRENSA LIBRE) REPORTED ON PORTION OF LETTER DEALING WITH TUNA ISSUE. LA NACION AND PRENSA LIBRE HIGHLIGHTED PRESIDENT CARTER'S "REQUEST" THAT TUNA BOAT SEIZURES BE AVOIDED DURING NEGOTIATING PROCESS, WHILE LA REPUBLICA EMPHASIZED US WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE AND DESCRIBED US POSITION AS ONE OF NON-OPPOSITION TO COSTA RICA'S DESIRE FOR A NEW APPROACH.

3. SUBSEQUENTLY, ON JUNE 10 LA REPUBLICA CARRIED TWO SEPARATE UNCLASSIFIED

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STORIES RELATING TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S ASSURANCES RE DUTY-FREE TREATMENT OF US IMPORTS OF COSTA RICAN SUGAR AND US POSITION ON MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRY ACCESS TO DEVELOPMENT FINANCING. LATTER STORY REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT CARAZO HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN ON THIS ISSUE IN HIS LETTER, AND THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER SHARED GOCR CONCERN BUT THAT MATTER SHOULD BE ADDRESSED IN MULTILATERAL RATHER THAN BILATERAL CONTEXT.

4. ON JUNE 12, LA REPUBLICA LEAD EDITORIAL -- "CARTER'S LETTER"
-- NOTED THAT LETTER WAS A RECOGNITION OF COSTA RICAN RESPECT FOR
LAW, DEVOTION TO LIBERTY, RESPECT FOR THE OPINION AND RIGHTS OF
OTHERS. EDITORIAL ALSO CLAIMS THAT LETTER STATES, "IN BETWEEN THE
LINES", THAT US IS "TILTING" TO COUNTRIES SUCH AS COSTA RICA.
FURTHERMORE, EDITORIAL INTERPRETS LETTER AS MEANING THAT US IS
CONDITIONING ITS APPROVAL OF IDB REPLENISHMENT ON ACCEPTANCE OF
PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR AUTHENTIC DEMOCRACIES SUCH AS COSTA RICA.

5. ON JUNE 13 AND 14, LA REPUBLICA AND LA NACION CARRIED STORIES ON
OTHER PORTIONS OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER, PRINCIPALLY THE
PORTIODEALING WITH TEXTILES. WHILE LA NACION PRESENTED ISSUE IN
STRAIGHT-FORWARD MANNER, LA REPUBLICA STORY INTERPRETED LETTER AS
CLEAR INDICATION THAT TEXTILE EXPORTS WILL BE REGULATED, "POSSIBLY
BY QUOTAS."

6. COMMENT: LA REPUBLICA INTERPRETATION OF CARTER LETTER RE IFI
FINANCING HAS NOT YET BEEN ECHOED BY OTHER NEWSPAPERS. ALTHOUGH
EMPLOYING POETIC LICENSE EXTENSIVELY, THE EDITORIAL ACCURATELY
REFLECTS COSTA RICAN PERCEPTION THAT DESPITE HAVING PURSUED HUMANE
AND EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT POLICIES SUCH AS NO MILITARY ESTABLISH-
MENT, INCOME REDISTRIBUTION EFFORTS, RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS,
ETC, COUNTRY IS PRESENTLY PENALIZED BY IFI LENDING POLICIES. ON
TREATMENT OF TEXTILE ISSUE, LA REPUBLICA INTERPRETATION IS AT ODDS
WITH GOCR VIEW (AS EXPRESSED TO EMBOFF) THAT CARTER LETTER WAS NON-
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